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SUBJECT: CHILEAN NATIONAL JOSE LUIS VERDEJO DUARTE

REF: A. SANTIAGO 4830; B. STATE 160126

1. VERDEJO VISITED EMBASSY JULY 11 AND SAID HE HAD BEEN UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED JUNE 2 WITH NO CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM AND NO OFFICIAL RESTRICTIONS ON HIS FREEDOM. THIS CONFLICTS WITH INFORMATION IN PARA ONE, REF A, AND WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ON SUBJECT TO EMBASSY. CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION WAS BASED ON BELIEF OF VERDEJO'S US-CITIZEN SISTER THAT HE REMAINS OFFICIALLY RESTRICTED WITH CHARGES PENDING.

2. VERDEJO DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE FELT "PERSECUTED". STATED THAT INTERNAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAD ADVISED HIM TO LEAVE ARICA AND NOT RETURN, AND THAT HE COULD NOT FIND EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE IN CHILE.

3. COMMENT: IF VERDEJO WERE STILL DETAINED, HE WOULD BE PRIME CANDIDATE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER PAROLE PROGRAM. NOW HE APPEARS NO LONGER TO MEET DEFINITION OF DETAINEE (REF B), SINCE IT WOULD BE STRETCHING DEFINITION OF DETAINEE TO SAY THAT HIS UNOFFICIAL EXPULSION FROM ARICA IS FORM OF INTERNAL EXILE.

4. BASED ON PREVIOUS EFFORTS OF US CITIZEN SISTER, EMBASSY ASSUMES SHE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR HIS RESETTLEMENT IN THE US,
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WHICH HE DESIRES. VERDEJO WAS TOLD BY EMBOFF THAT HE DID NOT

NOW APPEAR ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE PROGRAM.

5. EMBASSY NOTES THAT A DECISION TO CONSIDER FERDEJO AS DETAINEE
WOULD ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT, BUT WE ASSUME THAT NOT
MAY OTHER CHILEANS, PREVIOUSLY DETAINED, HAVE IMMEDIATE US-CITIZEN
RELATIVES IN US.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH INFORM CONGRESSMEN LISTED REF A OF
SUBSTANCE OF PARA ONE.
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